COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In the Matter of

THE PETITION OF SOME RESIDENTS)
OF PAYNEVILLE, KENTUCKY FOR) CASE NO.
EXTENDED AREA TELEPHONE SERVICE) 8096
(EAS) WITH HARDINSBURG, KENTUCKY)

ORDER

On November 12, 1980, a petition was filed with the Commission wherein some residents of the Payneville Exchange of Brandenburg Telephone Company (Brandenburg), which exchange is located in Meade and Breckinridge Counties, requested EAS with the Hardinsburg Exchange of South Central Bell Telephone Company (Bell), which exchange is located in Breckinridge County.

By Order dated December 16, 1980, the petition was made subject to the Commission's EAS Guidelines, as adopted in Administrative Case No. 221, dated October 31, 1980. It was further ordered that both Bell and Brandenburg should provide their response to the petition in accordance with the provisions of Step (1) of the Commission's EAS Guidelines. Brandenburg filed its response on January 14, 1981, and Bell filed its response on January 15, 1981.

Both utilities stated their opposition to the proposed EAS, and Bell stated, among other things, that the petitioners all resided in the Breckinridge County portion of the Payneville Exchange, and that the Commission may want to consider the possibility of a change in the boundary line to move the Breckinridge County subscribers of the Payneville Exchange into the Irvington Exchange of Brandenburg. The Irvington Exchange is located in Breckinridge County and does have EAS with the Hardinsburg Exchange.

By letter to Brandenburg dated January 20, 1981, and signed by the Secretary of the Commission, Brandenburg was advised of the possibility of considering a boundary line change as above-proposed, and was requested to provide to the Commission information relative to the cost of changing the boundary line to move the Payneville

subscribers residing in Breckinridge County into the Irvington Exchange. Brandenburg was further requested to file this information within thirty (30) days. Brandenburg filed this information on February 18, 1981.

The Commission, after consideration of this matter, and being advised, is of the opinion and finds that the petition should properly be considered as a request for a boundary line change and that a public hearing should be held in the matter.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED That the Commission's Order in this matter dated December 16, 1980 be and it is hereby amended to the extent that this matter will no longer be considered subject to the Commission's EAS Guidelines.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED That a public hearing be and it is hereby scheduled for April 9, 1981, at 1:30 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, in the Commission's offices at Frankfort, Kentucky, for the purpose of receiving testimony relative to the consideration of changing the boundary line between the Payneville and Irvington Exchanges of Brandenburg Telephone Company in order to place the Payneville subscribers residing in Breckinridge County into the Irvington Exchange.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED That representatives of Brandenburg Telephone Company shall appear at the hearing for the purpose of presenting testimony and answering questions relative to this matter.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 12th day of March, 1981.

Chairman

Sathenne Randall

Vice Chairman

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

ATTEST: